IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Original) A method of creating a conveniently accessible medical history for a patient, said method comprising the steps of:

1) establishing an information-transmission connection with a remote information-input node;

2) receiving medical information through said information- transmission connection from said information-input node;

3) configuring said information into a medical history record; and

4) transmitting said medical history record to a remote record output node which record output node is configured to receive said medical history record; whereby a conveniently accessible medical history can be created at one location and accessed via a remote record output node.

2-22.   (Cancelled)

23.   (Original) A method of creating a conveniently accessible medical history for a patient, said method comprising the steps of:

1) establishing an information-transmission connection with a remote record-creating node;

2) transmitting medical information through said information-transmission connection to said record-creating node, said record-creating node being adapted to

configure said information into a medical history record and to transmit said medical history record to a remote record output node.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising the step of receiving said medical history record from said record-creating node at said record output node.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein said step 2 comprises the step of transmitting to said record creating node, said record creating node being adapted to configure said information into a medical history record that is storable on a portable readable storage medium, the method further comprising the step of storing said medical history record on said portable readable storage medium.

26-28. (Cancelled)

29. (Original) The method of claim 25, further comprising the step of inspecting said medical history record prior to the storing step.

30. (Original) The method of claim 25 the storing step comprising storing the medical history record on a compact disk.

31. (Original) The method of claim 25, the storing step comprising storing the medical history record on a compact disk which is approximately the size of a conventional credit card.

32-43. (Cancelled)

44.   (Original) A system for creating a conveniently accessible medical history for a patient, said system comprising: an information-input node for receiving medical information and transmitting said information through an information-transmission connection;. a record-creating node, remote from said information-input node, for receiving said information through said information-transmission connection, for configuring said information into a medical history record, and for transmitting said medical history record; a record output node, remote from said record-creating node, for receiving said medical history record from said record-creating node and for permitting access to said medical history record.

45.   (Original) The system of claim of claim 44, the record output node being configured to store said medical history record on a portable readable storage medium.

46-48. (Cancelled)

49.   (Original) The system of claim 45, said record output node being configured to permit inspection of said medical history record by a medical practitioner prior to said medical history record being stored on said portable readable storage medium.

50.   (Original) The system of claim 45, wherein said portable readable storage medium is a compact disk.

51.   (Cancelled)

52.   (Original) The system of claim 44, said information-input node comprising a computer.

53.   (Original) The system of claim 52, said information input node further comprising a fax machine, said information-transmission connection further comprising a connection between said fax machine and said record-creating node.

54-57. (Cancelled)

58.   (Original) A method of creating a conveniently accessible medical history for a patient, the method comprising the steps of:

1) establishing an information transmission connection with a remote information input node;

2) receiving medical information through said information transmission connection from said information input node;

3) configuring said information into a medical history record; and

4) saving, on a portable readable storage medium, a record access certificate for granting remote access to said medical history record; whereby the patient's record may be accessed using the certificate stored on the storage medium.

59. (Original) The method of claim 58, further comprising the step of saving said medical history record on said portable readable storage medium.

60. (Original) The method of claim 59, further comprising prior to the step of saving said medical history record, the step of transmitting said medical history record to a remote record output node.

61. (Original) The method of claim 58, further comprising, prior to the step of saving the record access certificate, the step of transmitting the record access certificate to the remote record output node.

62. (Original) The method of claim 58, said step 4 comprising the step of saving, on said portable readable storage medium, aPKI certificate of said patient, for granting access to said medical history record.

63. (Original) The method of claim 58, wherein said configuring step further includes including in said medical history record medical condition information relating to a medical condition of the patient, the medical condition information including information on symptoms and treatment of the medical condition.

64. (Original) A method of accessing the medical history record of a patient, the method comprising:

    1) reading a record access certificate from a portable readable storage medium;

2) attempting to establish a connection with a remote node holding a primary medical history record;

3) if said connection is established, accessing said medical history record in said remote node, using said record access certificate; and

4) if said connection is not established, reading a backup medical history record from said portable readable storage medium.